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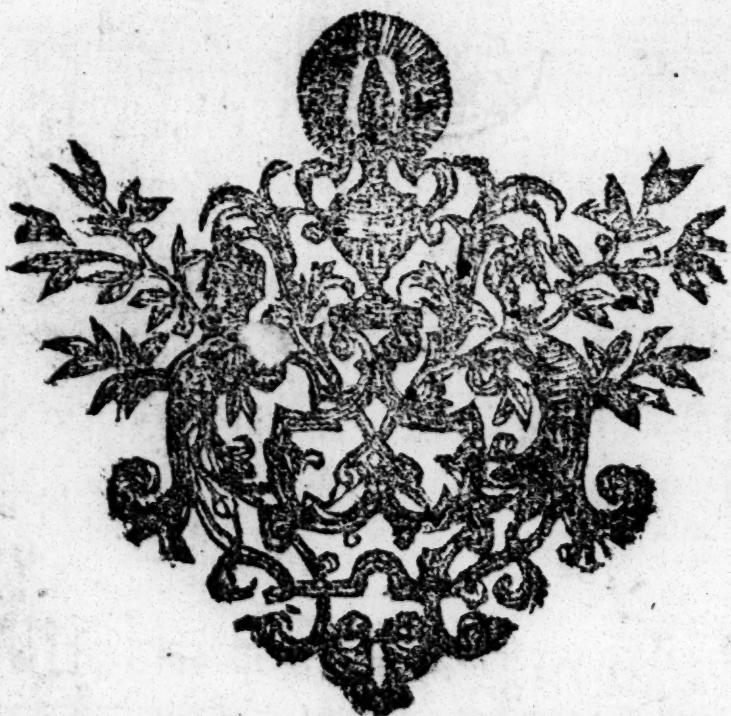
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*Address'd to all the good People of Ireland.*

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Relating to the New HALF-PENCE,  
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Q. 1. Whether every Reason urg'd by  
the honest *Drapier* against that  
*Scoundrell Wood's* Bras, will not hold  
as strongly against the present new  
coin'd *Half-pence*?

Q. 2. By what remarkable Infatuation  
has it happen'd that this *Nation* was  
so justly and happily united in their  
Indignation in the former case, and  
so stupid, and insensible in the lat-  
ter?

Q. 3. Whether any Man is oblig'd by  
*Law* to take the New *Halfpence*?

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Q. 4. Whe-

Q. 4. Whether it wou'd not be highly expedient that the *Gentlemen* of every *County* shou'd enter into *Associations* never to take one of them ?

Q. 5. Whether any *Tradesman* who offers either to take or give them in *Change* shou'd be dealt with by any Person who wishes well to his *Country* ?

Q. 6. Whether there does not already appear among us several different sorts of them ; and some much more adulterate than others ?

Q. 7. Whether the *Dutch* and other *Nations*, and even our very good Friends the *English*, will not think it well worth their While, to send us constant Supplies of them, as long as we have one Piece of *Gold* or *Silver* among Us ?

Q. 8. Whether any *Man* who asserts the Contrary, can be a *Man* of *Probity*, or *Honesty* ?

Q. 9. VVho

Q. 9. Who advis'd the *Coinage* and importation of these pernicious *Half-pence*?

Q. 10. Whether in *England* the *Species* be ever rais'd or lower'd without the consent of *Parliament*?

Q. 11. Or at least, whether it has been for many Years past either rais'd or lower'd there without the *Advice* of *Parliament*?

Q. 12. If the *Crown* shou'd be about to exert a Legal *Prerogative*, which may probably in the Event prove a detriment to the Publick, Whether it be not the indispensable Duty of the Parliament (as the grand *Council* of the *Nation*) humbly to remonstrate the ill Consequences to his *Majesty*?

Q. 13. If the *Crown* has an incontroulable *Prerogative* of raising & lowering our *Species* at pleasure, which is

on no Account to be contradicted or Enquir'd into, be it exercised never so much to the Publick ruin, how does our Constitution differ, in this important instance, from *France*, or the most absolute *Monarchy* in the world?

Q. 14. Whether any Man can be sure, in such a case, for a week together that he is realy worth one single farthing?

Q. 15. Whether the *Bankers* of this Kingdom, have not basely Sacrificed the interest, and welfare of their Country, to the most *Lucrative* and *Sordid Motives*?

Q. 16. Whether every Man's Money will not be Safest in his own hands?

Q. 17. Whether it is not in ev'ry *Bankers* Power, who has obtain'd Credit, to Ruin numbers of People?

Q. 18. Whe.

Q. 18. Whether the *Portugal Gold*, since the Reduction of our *Coin*, does not bear an higher *Value* in *Holland* than in this *Kingdom*, and if so, whether consequently all that *Species* will not naturally *center* where the greatest profit may be made of it?

Q. 19. Whether *Thirty thousand pound* ( in four pound pieces ) were not exported from this Kingdom within three days after the *Proclamation*?

Q. 20. And whether five times that sum, has not been sent away since?

Q. 21. Whether the *Portugal four pound pieces* has not been sent to *London*, Sold there by the *ounce*, and returns made to *Ireland* for the same in *Bills of Exchange*, & thus converted more to the Advantage of the *Merchant*, than to have that *Coin* imported directly to us, and pass'd here by *Tale*?

Q. 22. Whe-

Q. 22. Whether any Delay in negotiating *Traffick* be not a manifest Injury to the *Kingdom*? And whether Delays are not now multiplied to a great degree by the alteration in the *Coin*?

Q. 23. Whether the raising foreign *Silver* to an equal value with our Neighbouring *Nations*, wou'd not have prov'd the most effectual Remedy against our want of *Silver*?

Q. 24. Whether all foreign *Silver* does not pass in *Holland* and *France* from four to eight per Cent higher than in *Ireland*?

Q. 25. If so why was not this Method of raising *Silver* taken?

Q. 26. Whether *Change* since the Lowering the *Coin*, is not more Scarce than before?

Q. 27. Whether the *Reduction* and giving us *Brass Money*, can prove a proper

per Remedy for our want of *Change*,  
in any other manner than as *beheading*  
may be a proper Remedy for the  
*Toothach*? and (as great *Blunderers*  
as a Neighbouring *Nation* wou'd  
make of us) whether we are so Ri-  
diculous as to imagine we shall want  
*Change for Gold*, when we have no  
*Gold left*?

Q. 8. Whether we have not a greater  
Encouragement by three and a quar-  
ter per Cent than formerly, to im-  
port *Corn*, *Linnens* and all other *Com-*  
*modities*?

Q. 29. Whether we can reasonably expect  
*Guineas* and *English Silver*, when the  
Ballance of *Trade* is so clearly and  
greatly in Favour of *England*.

Q. 30. Whether Three and a quarter per  
Cent ought not to be taken off from  
all the *Revenues*, and the Civil and

ilitary *List* of the *Nation*; this being  
the *Reduction* on the *Gold* we now im-  
port from *Lisbon*?

Q. 31. VVhether the landed and trading  
*Interest* is not to bear the intire Los  
of the *Reduction*?

Q. 32. VVhether *France* was ever *Richer*  
than at present? and whether this be  
not owing greatly to the *French*  
*King's* keeping the *Coin* at a certain  
Standard, & not in its former fluc-  
tuating State?

Q. 33. Whether *Strap behind the Coach*  
was worth 100*l.* in the year 1703?  
and how much he is now worth?  
whether his *Fortune* was not built on  
the *Ruin* of his *Country*? Is he not a  
noted *Jobber* in *Gold* and *Silver Coin*?  
Has he not *Exported* large quantities  
of both from this *Kingdom* since the  
1st of *August*? whether he has not  
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lent Money at 6 per Cent to Import Copper Half-pence? Is such a Person a proper advizer concerning the Regulation of our Gold? and is it not probable that the Parliament will Address his Majesty to remove him from all places of Honour and Trust.

Q. 34. What is the meaning and design of the Report, so industriously spread of late, that we shall have a *New Parliament*?

Q. 35. Whether we can have a surer Criterion to distinguish the *Vertues* and *Honesty* of our *Representatives* than by their behaviour in this most *Critical Conjuncture*.

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